



EARLY CIVILIZATIONS STUDY GUIDE



BE PREPARED TO:

1. Describe the geographic features of Mesopotamia and the ways in which they contributed to the spread of agriculture.
2. Summarize ways in which ancient people in Mesopotamia managed in a land with scarce resources.

* CHECKPOINT: [12 / 06 / 13]: Assessment for 1–2 *

3. Trace the factors that led to the development of the first civilization.
4. Describe the first civilization at Sumer. Analyze whether or not Sumer is a good example of a civilization.
5. Narrate a first-person biographical sketch of a person connected to either the religion or leadership of Sumer.
6. Write a press release announcing the major inventions of the Sumerians, and post it on EDMODO for all to see.
7. Explain the Sumerian role in the development of written language, and analyze the effect that writing had on the Sumerian culture.

* CHECKPOINT: [12 / 19 / 13]: Assessment for 1–7 *

8. Give the meanings of all designated vocabulary words: Mesopotamia, floodplain, silt, semiarid, drought, surplus, civilization, Sumer, city-state, ziggurat, polytheism, king, bronze, pictograph, stylus, cuneiform, scribe, empire, emperor, Fertile Crescent, Hammurabi, code of law, justice, exile, tribute, Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Anatolia, toleration, province, satrap, Royal Road
9. Describe the need for, and impact of, codes of law in the development of civilizations.
10. Take a stand on the following statement: Laws are necessary for the protection of individuals and society. Develop a claim, support your claim with evidence, and provide explanation.

11. Trace the development of the empires in Mesopotamia, which includes the Akkadian Empire, Babylonian Empire, Assyrian Empire, and Chaldean Empire.
12. Recite from memory five laws from Hammurabi's code. Be able to explain its background and significance.
13. Analyze the rise and fall of the Assyrian Empire.
14. Describe Assyrian innovations in building and ruling an empire.
15. Create an interview between you and Nebuchadnezzar. Include questions and answers about his empire and accomplishments
16. Describe the rise of the Persian Empire in Asia.
17. Analyze the accomplishments of Cyrus and Darius, two notable Persian leaders.

*** CHECKPOINT: [01 / 24 / 13]: Final Assessment for 1–17 ***

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